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## Summer Concert Series "Blues on the Square"

Seven evenings throughout the summer, "Blues on the Square" will feature national and regional blues artists, bringing crowds of patrons to South Washington Square and downtown Lansing.

"Blues on the Square" will be held in the street on the 200 block of South Washington Square on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. The first concert is Thursday, June 14. Free parking for patrons will be available at the Triangle Lot (Lot 6) located at the northeast corner of Kalamazoo Street and Grand Avenue. Don't let a few construction barrels stop you!

## Construction Coffee Meetings

Just a reminder! Weekly CSO construction coffee meetings are being held every Wednesday at 8:00 am at the **Petit Cafe** (located at the southwest corner of Washington and Kalamazoo). These meetings provide a construction update of the projects that impact the downtown area. They also provide an opportunity to discuss construction concerns with a CSO Project Engineer. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

## Project Construction Updates

### Downtown / Kalamazoo and Seymour Streets

Sanitary sewer installation continues in the segment of Kalamazoo Street east of Grand Avenue to the Grand River bridge. In addition, the installation of the new water main in the Capitol Avenue/Kalamazoo Street intersection is complete.



Thursday Evenings  
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

The jacking and boring activities to install the segment of new sanitary sewer from the Washington Avenue / Kalamazoo Street intersection west to Capitol Avenue have been hampered due to excess groundwater in the roadway under Kalamazoo Street. However, a plan is being implemented to allow this construction to resume. Plans are being readjusted to cope with the challenge. Construction will resume soon.

Steam duct replacement for Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) is continuing in the construction zone, including the removal of some of the old steam duct lines in Kalamazoo Street.

Work on Seymour Street is scheduled to begin in late June. Once work gets underway, Seymour Street will be fully closed to through traffic from Shiawassee Street to Ottawa Street.

Access to all Washington Square and Kalamazoo Street businesses is being maintained throughout construction, so **please patronize all businesses in this corridor.**

#### **The Michigan Avenue “Streetscape”**

The rain gardens in the 600 block are nearing completion, and concrete sidewalk is being placed in front of the businesses in this block. Streetscape construction continues in the 700 block.

The next area for rain garden construction is the 900 block of E. Michigan Avenue (starting within the next week). Rain garden construction in the 800 block will commence following the completion of rain gardens in the 600 block (approximately two weeks away).

The brick work is now completed in front of Oldsmobile Park. The only work remaining in front of the stadium is the installation of the newspaper kiosk at the east end of the block.

Bridge construction at Michigan Avenue Bridge at Museum Drive has started. The removal of the damaged bridge deck is complete, and the new bridge deck should be installed in the next week. The sidewalk installation on the bridge will be delayed due to the installation of a snow melt system in front of the Lansing Center. Although the snow melt system is a last minute add, it will benefit the Lansing Center (and the bridge) by reducing the impact road salt is having on the Lansing Center and the bridge. The snow melt system is also delaying the construction of the sidewalk east of the bridge.



Access to all downtown and Michigan Avenue businesses is being maintained throughout construction, so please patronize all businesses in this corridor!

In the 100 block of West Michigan Avenue, Streetscape construction has slowed due to the BWL steam work. The BWL has replaced the steam vault and will be replacing steam piping this weekend. Completion of the steam utility will allow Streetscape construction in this block to resume.

In the 100 block of East Michigan Avenue, underground construction continues. This should last for another two weeks, then road building activities will begin.

Access is being maintained to all businesses. As always, **patronize the businesses in the construction corridor.**

### **023 - Michigan Avenue**

The underground work is completed on the west side of Larch Street north of Michigan Avenue. Road building activities have commenced. West side paving is expected early in the week of June 11. The traffic closure will shift to the east side of Larch Street. One lane of northbound traffic on Larch Street will be maintained, as well as a left turn lane onto westbound Michigan Avenue. Construction on the east side of Larch Street should be completed by mid-July.

The work in Pennsylvania Avenue south of Michigan Avenue is nearly complete except for final paving. Expect final paving in September or October. The lane closure will remain in place due to CSO 020 construction on Pennsylvania Avenue north of Michigan Avenue.

With school concluding this week, construction will start next week (June 11) on Bingham Street between Michigan Avenue and Eureka Street. New sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water main will be installed. Construction is required to be completed by the start of school in September. This section of Bingham Street will be closed to traffic, with **access to local businesses being maintained.**

Eighth Street between Michigan Avenue and Prospect Street was paved last week. A temporary all-way stop was installed at the intersection of Eighth Street and Eureka Street to help regulate traffic in the neighborhood. The all-way stop will be removed and existing (pre-construction) traffic control will be re-established when construction is completed on Pennsylvania Avenue near Michigan Avenue and Hosmer Street south of Michigan Avenue (around Labor Day). Final paving of Eighth Street will happen later this summer.

Underground work on Hosmer Street south of Michigan Avenue is close to being completed. Road building activities have commenced. Paving may occur late this week, but will most likely occur next week (June 11).

Construction has started on Hosmer Street north of Michigan Avenue. The pavement was removed on Saturday, June 2. The new water main and sanitary sewer will be installed. Construction should take two months. Hosmer Street between Michigan Avenue and Jerome Street is closed to traffic, but **access to local businesses will be maintained**.

The sanitary leads on the west side of Hill Street south of Michigan Avenue have been completed. The water main has been installed. Water services are being installed as well as the sanitary sewer leads on the east side of the street.

Water main construction on Prospect Street between Hill Street and Hosmer Street should start on Tuesday, June 5. Prospect Street between Hill Street and Hosmer Street will be closed to traffic. Local access will be maintained on Hill Street while Prospect Street is being constructed. Construction should take about a month to complete.

Sanitary sewer main line construction on Eureka Street between Hosmer Street and Eighth Street is almost complete. Sanitary sewer leads will be installed this week with storm sewer construction to follow.

Construction of the dumpster pads for “Dumpster Alley” should be completed in the next two weeks with paving to follow. This alley is one-way to the south and parking is prohibited. Enforcement of the parking prohibition and the one-way traffic is in process.

#### **020 - Shiawassee and Pennsylvania Streets**

Construction continues on Shiawassee Street between Larch Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. The water main has been installed from the railroad tracks to 250 feet west of Pennsylvania Avenue. The sanitary sewer main has been stubbed to the north in Dorrance Place and to the south in Haag Court. The water main will be completed in Shiawassee Street in the next two weeks and will then need to be tested and approved prior to the installation of the water leads. Paving of the south lanes is anticipated for mid to late July. One-way westbound traffic is being maintained. Eastbound traffic is being detoured to Saginaw Street.

Construction on Pennsylvania Avenue is progressing. The sanitary sewer has been extended south to Jerome Street. When the sanitary sewer has been completed to Michigan Avenue, work will start on the water main. Two-way traffic is being maintained in the east lanes of Pennsylvania Avenue. Traffic on Pennsylvania Avenue will become less congested when school recesses this week for the summer.

Construction schedules are subject to change. **Please patronize the businesses in all the CSO construction corridors.**

### **013 - Northwest - Turner and Carrier Streets**

The work to connect service laterals to the new water main on Turner Street is complete. Installation of both raw and service water mains in at the east end of Carrier Street will be completed next.

Due to the lack of structural integrity in the sanitary sewer siphon structure at the west end of Carrier Street, the work to install the new sanitary sewer siphon and water main has been moved up in the construction schedule. A temporary road from the west end (i.e., the dead end) of Carrier Street to Terminal Road has been constructed to allow vehicle access for residential and construction traffic.

### **018 - Southeast - Oakland Avenue/Pennsylvania Avenue Area**

Installation of all underground utilities on Porter Street from the railroad tracks east to Ballard Street is complete. In addition, concrete curb and sidewalk in this block of Porter Street in front of the Demmer facility is complete. Installation of the new sanitary sewer main in Ballard Street is continuing with the associated construction moving south to Oakland Avenue.

Work to line the existing combined sewer in Oakland Avenue with “cured in place pipe” is on-going. Following completion of construction, these “old” combined sewers will function as the new storm sewers servicing Oakland Avenue. Work to install all sanitary laterals and storm sewer laterals will commence and likely be completed during the week of June 11.

Although most of Oakland Avenue is now closed to through traffic, the segment of Oakland Avenue between Grand River Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue is currently accessible to local traffic, including residences and businesses in this area. As reported previously, this major westbound roadway is expected to remain closed to through traffic until mid-November.





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suggestions, please send them  
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Please feel free to forward the  
newsletter to others who may  
be interested.

The primary detour for Oakland Avenue is northwest (right) onto Grand River Avenue and then south (left) onto Cedar Street to return to Oakland Avenue. Pennsylvania Avenue is not closed during this construction season. Motorists may encounter delays and are advised to seek alternate routes whenever possible.

Construction on some streets associated with this project, including Cleveland Street, Farrand Street, Johnson Street, and May Street, may be moved up from the 2008 construction season to the 2007 season if construction continues to progress as well as it has to date.

### **CSO-013 West Project - Gier Neighborhood**

The existing 15-inch combined sewer in Filley Street has been abandoned and the connection of the associated residential sanitary service leads to the new sanitary has been completed. Installation of the road subbase, concrete curb, and driveway approaches has been completed in Filley Street. In addition, televising to check the integrity of the new sanitary sewer has been completed.

On Jackson Street, work on the new 8-inch water main is progressing. In the interim, this street has been serviced by a temporary water main. The installation of sanitary sewer and the associated service leads on Jackson Street is complete.

In the next couple of weeks, the road reconstruction on Filley Street, including base and level paving and parkway restoration, will be completed. In addition, installation of the storm sewer and water services on Jackson Street will be completed, and installation of the sanitary sewer on Harris Street will begin.